# General Information

# Introduction

First settled in 1623 as a Dutch trading post called the "House of Hope," the City of Hartford is now a place of growth and opportunity for a widely diverse population. The City combines a rich blend of history, culture and architectural gems with a progressive attitude towards business, education and neighborhood economic development. Hartford is home to such internationally known treasures as the Wadsworth Atheneum, the nation's first public museum. Other spectacular historical and performing arts attractions include, but are not limited to, the Mark Twain House, Hartford Stage, Bushnell Memorial Hall and The Artists Collective. Companies such as Aetna, Travelers, Phoenix and The Hartford Financial Services Group have their roots here, in addition to industrial giants like United Technologies. To find out more about the City of Hartford please visit us at <a href="https://www.hartford.gov">www.hartford.gov</a>.

Hartford, the Capital City of Connecticut, was founded in 1636. The Connecticut Colony's Fundamental Orders, adopted in Hartford in 1639, was the first document in history to establish a government by the consent of the people. The City of Hartford was incorporated in 1784 and its Charter was adopted on May 1, 1947, introducing a Council-Manager form of government. An ordinance adopting a revision and codification of the City of Hartford Charter became effective upon approval by the Mayor on July 10, 1990. The voters of the City amended the charter on November 5, 2002 to provide for the Mayor as the chief executive officer of the City. The executive and administrative powers of the City are vested in the Mayor, except as otherwise provided by the Charter.

Elected officials of the City include the Mayor, Treasurer and nine City Council Members. Terms of office are four years. The nine elected council members comprise the Court of Common Council. No more than six council members may be from the same political party. Council positions that become vacant during the four years are filled by majority vote of the Council until the next election. The authority of the Office of the Mayor comes from the City of Hartford Charter, Municipal Code and the State of Connecticut General Statutes. This power includes appointing the Chief Operating Officer, Corporation Counsel, the heads of all departments and all members of all boards, commissions, agencies, authorities and additional bodies of the City.

# OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD

#### **ELECTED**

<u>Mayor</u> Pedro E. Segarra

## **Court of Common Council**

rJo Winch, Council President
James M. Boucher, Majority Leader
Larry Deutsch, Councilman (WF)
Veronica Airey-Wilson, Councilwoman
Alexander Aponte, Councilman
Luis E. Cotto, Minority Leader
Kenneth H. Kennedy, Jr., Councilman
Matthew D. Ritter, Councilman
Calixto Torres, Councilman

<u>City Treasurer</u> Kathleen Palm Devine

Registrars of Voters
Salvatore A. Bramante
Olga Vazquez
Urania Petit

# **APPOINTED**

Chief Operating Officer
David Panagore

Corporation Counsel Saundra Kee Borges

Town & City Clerk
John Bazzano

# CITY DIRECTORY Officials, Department Heads and Directors

# Mayor

**Eddie A. Perez** Telephone: (860)757-9500 Fax: (860)722-6606

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Chief Auditor Patrick Campbell

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<u>Telecommunications</u>

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Mathew Poland
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Planning

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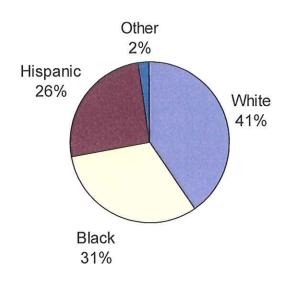
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# **City Employment Demographic Information**

Includes 1490 full-time and 374 part-time employees as of December 31, 2009 Source: City of Hartford Department of Human Resources



# **Physical Description**

Land Cover (2008):

La	nd	Ar	ea	:

18.4 square miles

Location:

41.77° north latitude and 72.67° west longitude

Average Monthly Temperatures:	July (warmest)	Hi:	84
(degrees F)		Low:	63
	January (coldest)	Hi:	35
		Low:	16
Average Monthly Precipitation:	May (wettest)	4.0	
(inches)	February (driest)	2.7	

Source: The Weather Channel

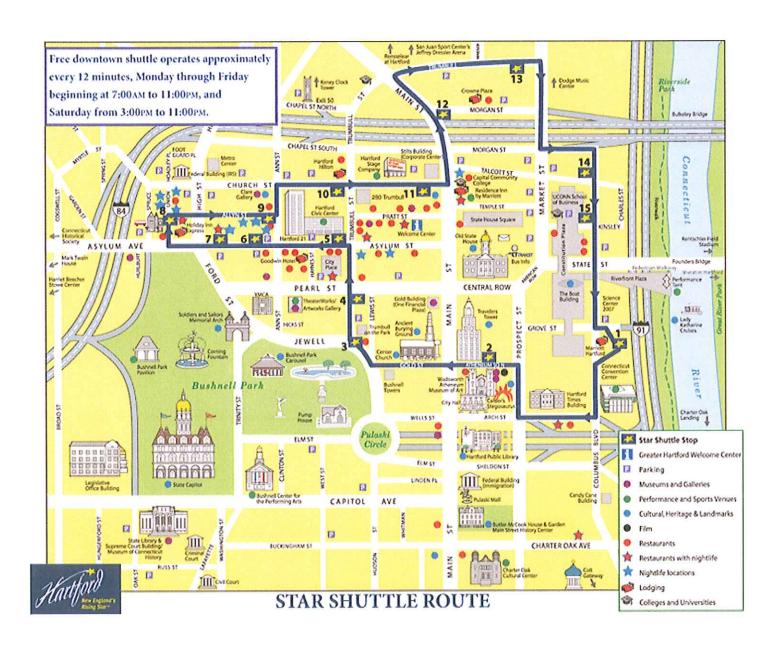
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Developed	71.7%
Turf & Grass	10.9%
Other Grasses & Agriculture	2.9%
Deciduous Forest	7.6%
Coniferous Forest	2%
Water	3.9%
Non-Forested Wetland	0.1%
Forested Wetland	0.2%
Tidal Wetland	0%
Barren	0.7%
Utility Right-of-Way	0%

Source: University of Connecticut, Center for Land Use Education and Research

# **Transportation**

By Air	Bradley International Airport     Located 15 minutes north of Hartford
By Train	Amtrak     Located downtown at Union Station
By Bus	Greyhound Lines / Peter Pan Bus Lines Located downtown at Union Station  CTTRANSIT Services the greater Hartford metro area
	Star Shuttle  • Free downtown shuttle (see map below)

Driving Distances to Northeastern U.S. Cities (miles)		
Boston, MA	102	
New York City, NY	117	
Providence, RI	87	
	Source: 2008 MapQues	

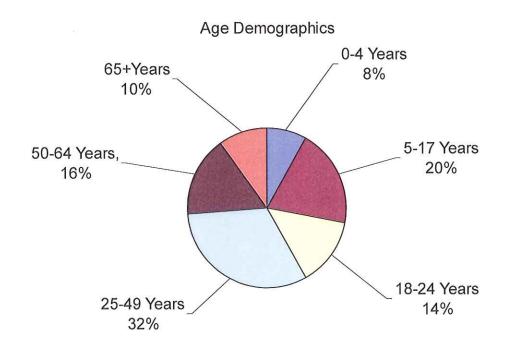


1990	2000	2009
139,739	121,578	121,067
2009	Number	Percentage (rounded)
Population by Age:		
0 – 4 Years	9,350	8
5 – 17 Years	23,610	20
18 – 24 Years	17,259	14
25 - 49 Years	39,048	32
50 - 64 Years	19,290	16
65 Years and Over	12,510	10
Males	58,364	48
Females	62,703	52
Median Age Population by Race:*	31	
White	34,071	28
Black	38,433	32
Asian Pacific	2,798	2
Native American	472	1
Other/Multi-Race	45,293	37

56,811

64,256

Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity (any race) Non-Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity

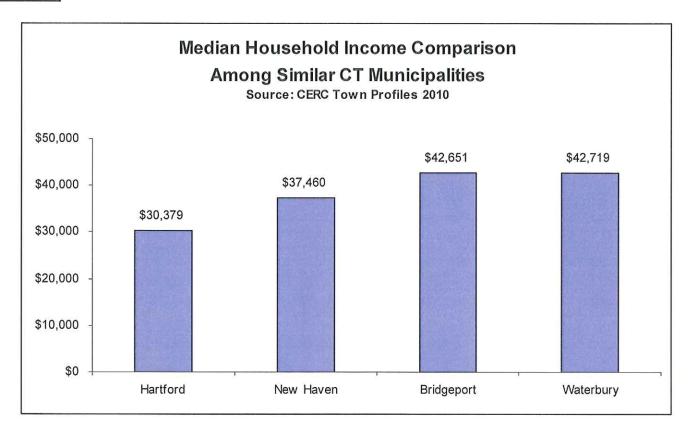


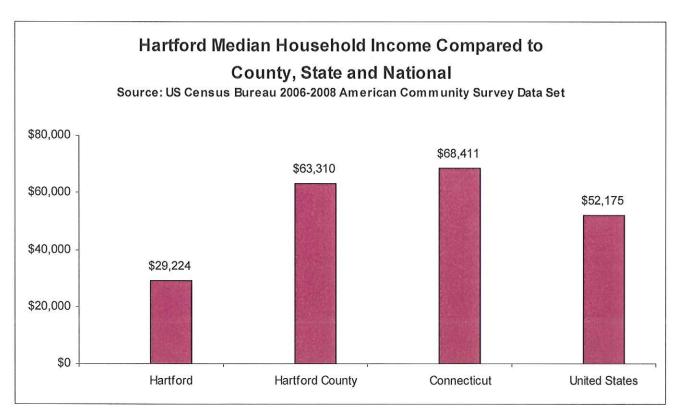
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<sup>\*</sup>Race and Hispanic origin guidelines established by U.S. Census Bureau

# **Economics**





<u>Taxes</u>

Ten Highest Taxpayers (2009) Source: City of Hartford Assessor's Office

	HARTFORD 2009 All Property 10 Highest Taxpayers						
	NAME	Real	2009 Personal	<u>Total</u>	% of Grand List		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Hartford Fire Insurance & Twin City Ins. Connecticut Light & Power Northland Properties Travelers Indemnity Co. Affilliate Aetna Life Insurance Company Mac-State Square LLC City Place I LTD Ptnshp Talcott II Gold, LLC FGA 280 Trumbull LLC	72,684,380 12,209,110 111,998,432 66,103,440 81,765,110 60,624,340 58,119,810 53,602,850 47,663,980	51,807,250 107,740,510 1,252,940 43,794,790 22,641,490 - - 71,530	124,491,630 119,949,620 113,251,372 109,898,230 104,406,600 60,624,340 58,119,810 53,674,380 47,663,980	3.45% 3.33% 3.14% 3.05% 2.90% 1.68% 1.61% 1.49%		
10	Conn Constitution Assoc. LTD Ptnshp  TOTALS	40,783,960 605,555,412	227,308,510	40,783,960 832,863,922	1.13% 23.11%		

<u>Top Employers</u> (2008) Source: Economic Development Data & Information for Connecticut and Massachusetts (EDDI)

City of Hartford Economic Development Division

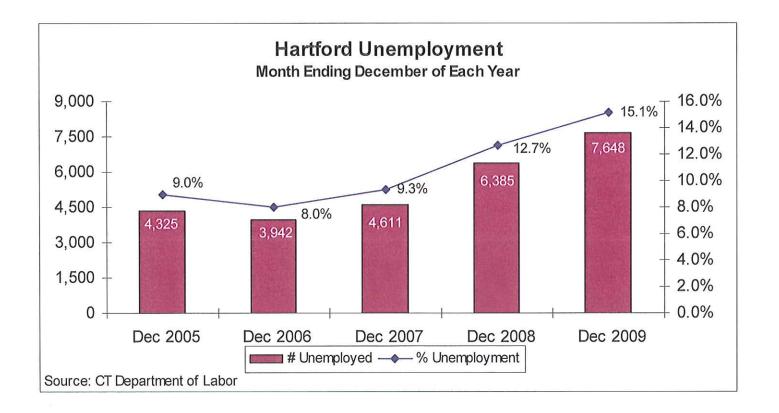
**Employer Number of Employees** 20,884 United Technologies Corp. The Hartford Financial Group 11,700 7,240 Aetna Inc 6,086 Hartford Hospital **Travelers Property Casualty Group** 5,890 3,800 St. Francis Hospital Hartford Steam Boiler 2,027 **United Health Group** 1,713 1,350 Phoenix Home Life/Investment 800+ **Prudential Retirement** 

# Labor

**Hartford Labor Statistics** 

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Labor Force	48,165	47,664	47,827	48,222	49,027	50,429	50,819
Employed	42,766	42,880	43,234	44,044	44,677	44,044	43,627
Unemployed	5,399	4,784	4,589	4,178	4,350	6,385	7,192
Unemployment Rate	11.2%	10.0%	9.6%	8.7%	8.9%	12.7%	14.2%
west 150			Source: CT Dept. of Labor, Annual Averages (Not Seasonally Adjusted)				

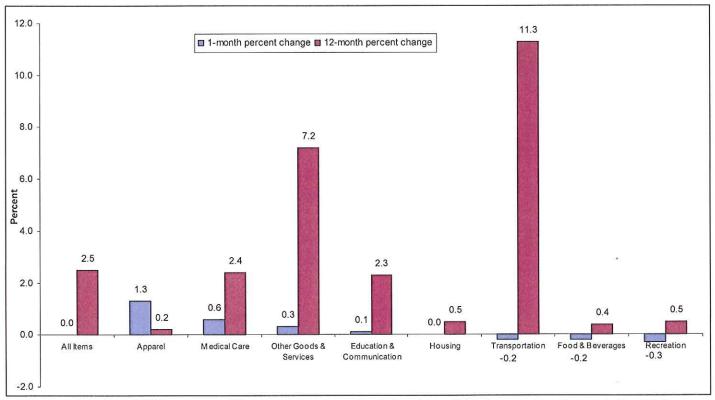
**Average Annual Unemployment Rates** Source: CT Dept of Labor, Annual Averages; Bureau of Labor Statistics 16 14.2 14 Percent Unemployed 12 10 9.3 8.2 - Hartford 8.8 Connecticut 8 National 6 5.8 4 4.4 2 0 2003 2004 2005 2009 2002 2006 2007 2008



# NORTHEAST REGION CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: February 2010

Consumer Price Index: 1-month and 12-month percent changes ended February 2010 for the major categories of the CPI-U for the Northeast region, not seasonally adjusted





The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics classifies all expenditure items into more than 200 categories, arranged into the eight major groups on the graph above. Connecticut is located in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Northeast Region.

# Education

Education Attainment for Hartford Residents Age 25 and Older

	Number	Percentage of City Population
High School Graduate	22,761	32.8%
Some College & Associates Degree	14,921	21.5%
Bachelors Degree or Higher	9,542	13.7%
Total	47,224	68.0%
		Source: US Census American FactFinder 2006-200

# **Higher Education**

Trinity College
University of Connecticut Law School
University of Connecticut Graduate Business Learning Center
Hartford College for Women, University of Hartford
Renssalaer, Hartford Campus
Capital Community College
Connecticut Culinary Institute
Hartford Conservatory

# Hartford Public Schools (HPS)

Hartford public primary and secondary schools enroll over twenty-two thousand students. In addition to the citywide schools, HPS offers regional Inter-district Magnet Schools each having unique characteristics attracting parents and students who find these features responsive to their needs and interests.

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education 2009

#### Preschools

The City of Hartford operates six nationally accredited Day Care Early Learning Centers by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and one Infant/Toddler Early Learning Center.

Source: Mayor's Office for Young Children 2010

#### Libraries

Hartford Public Library

- Central Library located downtown
- 9 additional branch locations throughout the City Connecticut State Library

Source: Hartford Public Library 2010



# Parks and Recreation

Source: Hartford Department of Public Works 2009

- Total Parks 37
- Athletic Fields 70
- Total Acreage 2,300

Large Multi-Use Parks:

Batterson

Elizabeth

Keney

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Bushnell

Goodwin

Pope

Colt

Hyland / Rocky Ridge

Riverside

**Public Golf Courses:** 

Goodwin Golf Course

Keney Golf Course



Source: www.arrakeen.ch

# **Cultural Arts and Entertainment**

#### **Attractions**

Wadsworth Antheneum and Museum of Art
Mark Twain House & Museum
Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
Charter Oak Cultural Center
Raymond E. Baldwin Museum of Connecticut History
Connecticut State Armory and Arsenal
Solders and Sailors Memorial Arch
Old State House

Hartford Stage
TheaterWorks
The Artists Collective
Bushnell Center for Performing Arts
Connecticut Commission on the Arts Gallery
Gallery of American Art
Connecticut Science Center
Real Art Ways
Mort & Irma Handel Performing Arts Center

#### **Event Locations**

XL Center
Connecticut Convention Center
Connecticut Expo Center
Comcast Theater

# Sports

One American Hockey League team calls Hartford home. The Hartford Wolf Pack are the top player-development affiliate of the NHL's New York Rangers and play at the XL Center which seats up to 16,000 fans. The University of Connecticut men's and women's basketball teams also make the XL Center their part-time home, and it holds the Big East Women's Basketball Championship. Both teams have multiple National Championships with the women holding seven titles and the men two. In addition, the Trinity College men's squash team has 12 consecutive National Championships.